



*(From the Office of the House Majority Leader)*

## DEMOCRATS IN DISARRAY, MISSING THE BORDER SECURITY DEBATE

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Two weeks ago when Capitol Hill Democrats released their reconfigured “[agenda](#)” of tax hikes and more government spending, they conspicuously forgot to include any mention of border security.

An article in this morning’s [The Hill](#) notes Democrats’ “deafening” silence on border security. When asked if Democrats would be participating in Republican efforts to enact legislation that secures America’s borders, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) simply replied:

*“I’m just saying we won’t be missing in the debate.”*

In other words, Capitol Hill Democrats had no plan for bolstering border security two weeks ago -- and they still have no plan today.

The **Reid-Kennedy Senate Democrat immigration bill** would [force the United States to consult with Mexico](#) regarding the construction of a barrier on OUR border. And an estimated 60 million new immigrants would enter the country over the next twenty years if the Democrat Reid-Kennedy bill became law. **Is this Democrats’ idea of border security?**

While **Democrats remain silent** on the issue of border security, House Republicans:

- Have announced a set of [five principles](#) that should be reflected in border security and immigration reform legislation.

- **Are taking action** and engaging in a series of hearings that will allow Congress to hear from the American people directly as we work to send a strong bill to the President that secures our borders and puts a premium on strict enforcement of our immigration laws.

An op-ed in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* by the **Federation for Immigration Reform** discusses House Republicans' hearings on border security, and notes the American people have "an important voice in this debate that still needs to be heard":

*"With anger growing over unchecked illegal immigration and the prospect of amnesty for tens of millions of immigration lawbreakers, these hearings should reaffirm the public's overwhelming support for the enforcement-only approach of the bill passed by the House last December. ...*

*"Recent polls indicate that there is strong public support for the enforcement-only approach taken by the House. ...*

*"As members of Congress move around the country and hear directly from the people, it will become abundantly clear that comprehensive immigration enforcement, not amnesty for illegal aliens, is what the public is demanding."*

There is a **clear choice** between Republicans who want to enact a strong bill that secures our borders and puts a premium on strict enforcement of our immigration laws, and Capitol Hill Democrats who have **no plan** for border security.

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